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Stimulus package to aid Airmen

Improvements in dormitories, child development centers and energy conservation plans will benefit as the Air Force receives about \$1.7 billion in Defense-related appropriations through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, military finance officials said.

With a focus on Airmen care, families and environmental stewardship, the Air Force's portion of the stimulus will spur about 1,500 military construction and facility improvement projects, including quality-of-life upgrades and renewable-energy research.

"ARRA funds are being used for high priority maintenance and repair projects as well as new child development centers, military family housing and dormitories," said Air Force Civil Engineer Maj. Gen. Del Eulberg. "This is consistent with Air Force goals to improve the quality of life for its Airmen and their families."

ARRA funds will also be used to support high-priority programs such as fuel-cell, wind and solar research and energy security. Air Force leaders support national and Department of Defense efforts to achieve greater energy independence through funding these critical military energy research programs.

ARRA funded projects include more than 1,500 maintenance and repair projects valued at \$1.1 billion in addition to \$260 million for Air Force military construction and housing:

- \$100 million for four dormitories
- \$80 million for seven child development centers
- \$80 million for two military family housing projects

Additionally, Air Force engineers will construct four Energy Conservation Investment Program projects using \$17 million provided to the Department of Defense.

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